

IMMIGRATION.

A Grand Phenomenon.

How the Emigrants are Treated on Board Ship—Vice versa Virtue—Seductions and Kapes on Shipboard—How They are Starved, Famine, and Robbed Before They Land—How They are Cruelty Treated when They Land—How They Get Their God Exchanged—How They Commence Life Afloat—How They Live and Sleep at Castle Garden, and the Questions Put to Them There—How the Books are Kept and Accounts Made, &c. &c. &c.

In recent numbers of our paper we have laid before the public some interesting statistics on immigration, which doubtless have informed our readers of the quality and number of emigrants who have arrived at this port during the last ten or twelve years, as also their nationalities and destinations.

These unprovided for hordes must have work to do and land to cultivate, and here they find both readily available in our Southern and Western States. They hear of this, and learn the way across the water.

HOW THE EMIGRANTS EMBARK. The courage displayed, and necessarily possessed, by these teeming multitudes of adventurers, is rather singular, yet agreeable, contrast with the disposition of many who never leave their land of nativity, but remain in the bosom of the great city, and then even they are not allowed to get at their boxes on the same day they land, and often not for a whole week.

They encounter a trying ordeal, their initiatory irritant in the robberies committed on them in their embarkation, and in the transit of their baggage and bedding by the yacht that conveys them to the vessel's side. Some of them are robbed of their property from the time it is removed from their "cabin" until they reach Castle Garden, and then even they are not allowed to get at their boxes on the same day they land, and often not for a whole week.

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AN ORDINANCE To Authorize the Construction of a Bridge over Fresh Creek, at Green Street, in the Twenty-second Ward. Section 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the Chief Commissioner of Highways be and he is authorized and directed to advertise for proposals for the construction of a bridge over Fresh Creek, at Green Street, in the Twenty-second Ward, and that he shall call the same to the lowest bidder. The work to be done in this bridge, and the terms of the contract, shall be as follows:—That the Engineer and Surveyor, in conformity with existing ordinances: Provided, That the owners of property between the line of Carpenter Street and Park Street, in the Twenty-second Ward, and grading the same in road travelling order, without expense to the city of Philadelphia.

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